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**GM654 and GM655 Consideration and Confirmation of Bonnie Castonguay, RN to the
Center for Nursing Advisory Board**

Dear Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

It is with great humility that I write this letter of support for Bonnie Castonguay, RN to be appointed to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Bonnie Castonguay is a well-established leader in patient navigation, care coordination, and home health services. The Center established new strategic priorities in 2018, which include Community Based Health Care Management Teams and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Transition to Practice. The expertise that Ms. Castonguay has related to community based health care management teams and care delivery makes her well positioned to advise the Center on current gaps, trends, and needs of the state so that the Center may continue to enable that Hawai'i has the right number of nurses in the right settings, specialties, and within the right teams.

Thank you for your consideration of Bonnie Castonguay for the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board position.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Reichhardt".

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